Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Letter No. 4642, dated 10th November 1911, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the Mysore District Deputy Commissioner's letter No. 213, dated 3rd November 1911, reporting on the Cattle Show held at Nanjangud, during the jatra in April 1911.

No. 4771-4—L. B. 152-11-2, DATED BANGALORE, 17TH JANUARY 1912.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. It is observed that the cattle were not classified according to breed or age for the purpose of awarding prizes and that the number of prizes being large, the value of each prize was small. It would have been better if the prizes had been limited to a few cattle of the better breed. It is noted that in spite of the prevalence of plague, the Show was a success and that a good number of non-official gentlemen evinced interest in the Show.

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Report on the Cattle Show at Nanjangud Town between the 9th and 11th of April 1911, during the Dodda Jatra of Sri Srikanteswaraswami.

As notified by the President, District Fund Board, Mysore, the Cattle Show was commenced simultaneously with the jatra on the 9th April 1911 and closed on the 10th instant. The cattle began to pour in from all parts of the taluk on the evening of the 8th April 1911. A few cattle were also exhibited from other taluks of this district. Printed copies of notification in Kanarese and in English were issued to all the taluks of this district twenty days prior to the Show.

1. *Committee of management.*—A Committee consisting of the following members was formed to judge the cattle deserving prizes:—

1. The Sub-Division Officer.
2. Mr. Guru Rao, Pleader.
3. ,, Venkatasami Aiyar, Advocate.
4. ,, Bandaiya, Municipal Councillor.
5. ,, Gulaiya.
6. Mr. Lingannaiya.
7. ,, Nanjappa, Patel, Devanur.
8. ,, Karavanahalli Honnappa.
9. ,, Nagarle Doddanagappa.
10. ,, Goddanpur Abdul Razack.

These members were mostly from agricultural classes, such as patels, shanbhogs and some of the leading non-official members of the town. The power to award prizes was solely vested in the hands of the Managing Committee.

2. *Number of cattle exhibited.*—The number of cattle exhibited was 326 in all which comprised of as follows:—

Ploughing or driving bullocks	... 284
Breeding bulls	... 14
Bull calves	... 16
Cows	... 12
Total	... 326

The number of cattle exhibited this year was much less than that of last year. The cause may, however, be attributed chiefly to the outbreak of plague at Nanjangud this year some days previous to the jatra.

3. *Number of cattle selected.*—Out of the 326 cattle that were exhibited, 164 were selected for prizes by the Managing Committee after inspection. The above number comprised of ploughing or driving bullocks, breeding bulls, bull calves and cows.

4. *Number of prizes awarded.*—The number of prizes awarded was 82, the amount of prizes ranging from Re. 1 to Rs. 5 each. The prizes awarded were—

Twenty-three of Re. 1 each, 52 of Rs. 2 each, 5 of Rs. 3 each, 1 of Rs. 4 and 1 of Rs. 5, making a total of Rs. 151.

The Government were pleased to sanction Rs. 50 from District Funds for awarding prizes. This amount together with the sum of Rs. 101 contributed voluntarily by the assembled people was available for distribution. As per notification issued, there ought to have been only 11 prizes in all amounting to Rs. 110. With a view to encourage the raiyats in general, it was so arranged that every village that exhibited cattle should get a prize for the best cattle. The prizes awarded were not strictly confined to this taluk alone. The highest prize of Rs. 5 was carried away by a raiyat who exhibited a pair of bullocks which was judged to be the best from Kannegowdankoppal, Mysore Taluk, and another pair from the same place got Rs. 2. A prize of Rs. 3 was awarded to a pair of bullocks exhibited

from T.-Narsipur Taluk, while Gundlupet and Chamrajnagar Taluks got prizes of Rs. 2 and Rs. 4 in their turn. It may thus be seen that Rs. 16 out of Rs. 151 were given away as prizes to cattle exhibitors who came from other taluks. Mr. T. K. Sundararaja Iyengar, Sub-Division Officer, Nanjangud, presented the money prizes to the winners in person with the printed certificates in Kanarese. The prizes given away were distributed as follows :—

Rs. 43 for the best bullocks, the prizes ranging from Rs. 5 to Re. 1 a pair.
Rs. 4 for the best breeding bulls at Rs. 2 each.
Rs. 30 for the best bull calves, the prizes ranging from Rs. 3 to Re. 1 a pair.
Rs. 4 for the best cows, the prizes ranging from Rs. 2 to Re. 1.

5. *Place of Cattle Show and its suitability as regards water-supply and other sanitary requirements.*—The place selected for the Show was in the Jogi Tope on the banks of the Kapila river in the town of Nanjangud, as usual. The exhibition ground afforded ample shade and the supply of water was, of course, from the Kapila river which is only a few yards distant from the Show grounds.

The cattle were tethered as per plan prepared and marked on the ground; 12′ × 9′ space being provided for a pair of bullocks. A register showing the description of cattle, their owners, breed, etc., was maintained and every head of cattle that was allowed to the Show was duly registered and a chit given to the owner of the cattle to be pasted on the horns with reference to the serial numbers in the register.

The services of seven temporary sweepers sanctioned from Municipal Funds for Sri Srikanteswaraswami Dodda Jatra were also utilized and the exhibition ground was kept neat and tidy. Six temporary latrines were constructed at a cost of Rs. 15 to meet the requirements of the people and all the sanitary arrangements made were satisfactory.

6. *Total receipts, viz., from fees, private subscriptions and contributions.*—Since the Cattle Show is in its infant stage no fees were levied on cattle. The matter may be taken up when keen competition is found in the people.

RECEIPTS.

	Rs.
Private subscriptions and voluntary contribution collected on the spot ...	101
Contribution from District Funds	50
Total ...	151
From balance of subscription of previous years deposited in the Savings Bank	15
Grand Total ...	166

EXPENDITURE.

	Rs.
Amount expended towards the distribution of prizes	151
Erection of pendal, printing and other charges	15
Total ...	166

8. *Concluding remarks.*—A gentle outbreak of plague in Nanjangud Town and 4 or 5 stray cases in a fortnight previous to the Dodda Jatra filled the minds of the people with consternation in and outside the taluk and this was the chief reason why so many cattle as that of last year were not exhibited. The number brought to the Show this year was 326 as against 575 of last year. The prizes given were Rs. 151 in all as against Rs. 232 of last year. Out of the number of cattle exhibited this year, a great many belonged to Chikkaiyana Chattra hobli and Kowlande ranked second. Two pairs of agricultural bullocks were exhibited from Mysore Taluk and two from Chamrajnagar, Gundlupet and T.-Narsipur Taluks exhibited a pair each. The fact that a large number of cattle from all hoblis and even from the surrounding taluks, were brought to the Show is in itself a proof that the people have now been realizing the importance of cattle shows and I may state that the quality and usefulness of the breed exhibited this year was superior to that of last year. There is no doubt that a comparatively finer breed may be exhibited next year.

Mr. Narasimha Iyengar, Inspector of Cattle Diseases, was also present on the scene. He was also one of the Judges in awarding prizes for the best cattle. He gave a short and useful speech in Kanarese to the raiyats on the advantages accruing from rearing fine breed of cattle.

The Taluk officials, Shekdars and others who were deputed for this work, discharged their duties satisfactorily. The prizes were given away under a special pendal temporarily erected for the purpose and under the Presidentship of Mr. T. K. Sundararaja Iyengar, Sub-Division Officer, Nanjangud, and a large concourse of people assembled, including Municipal Councillors, the leading pleaders, patels and shanbhogs, the whole thing was a thorough success.